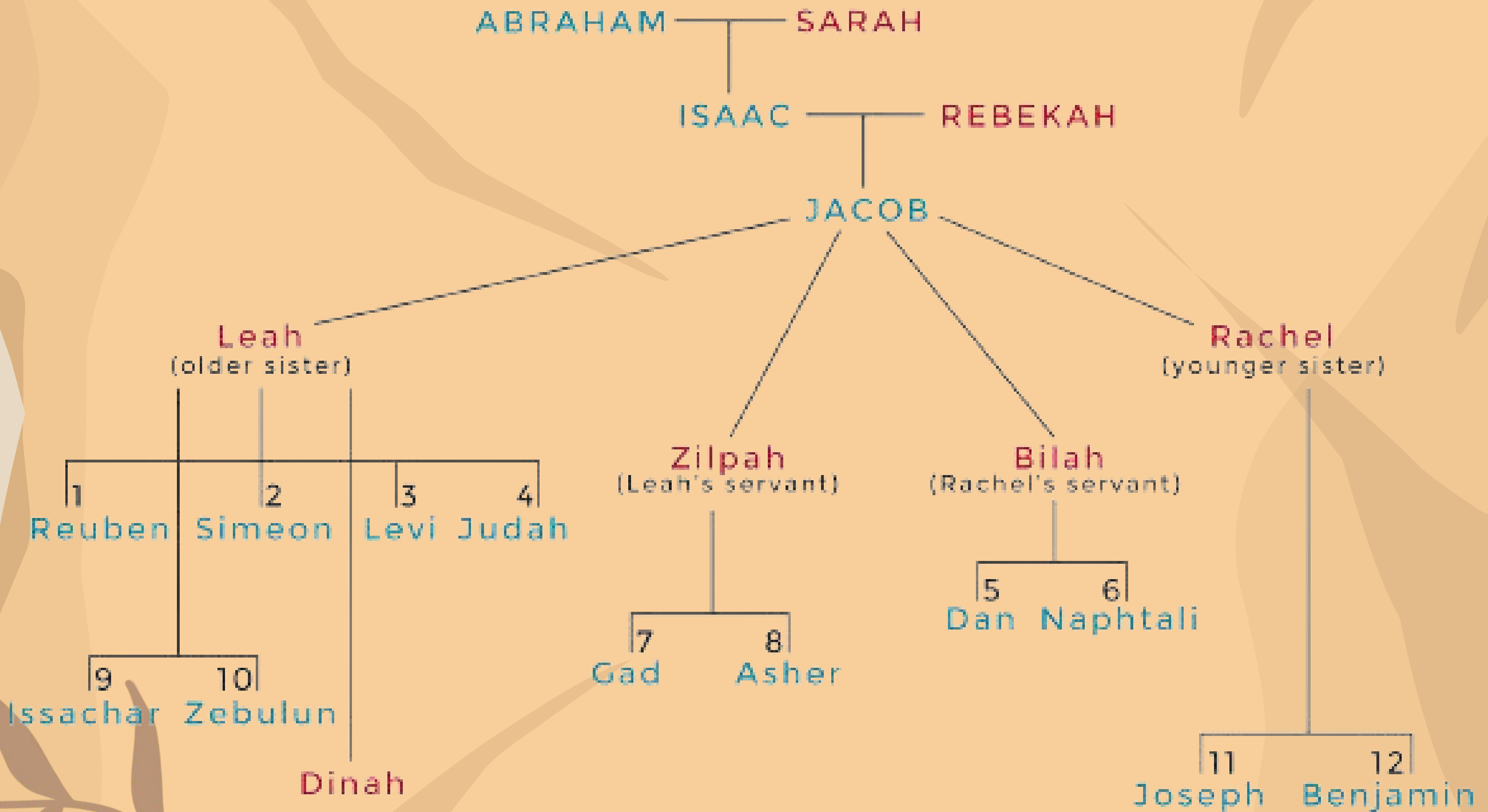


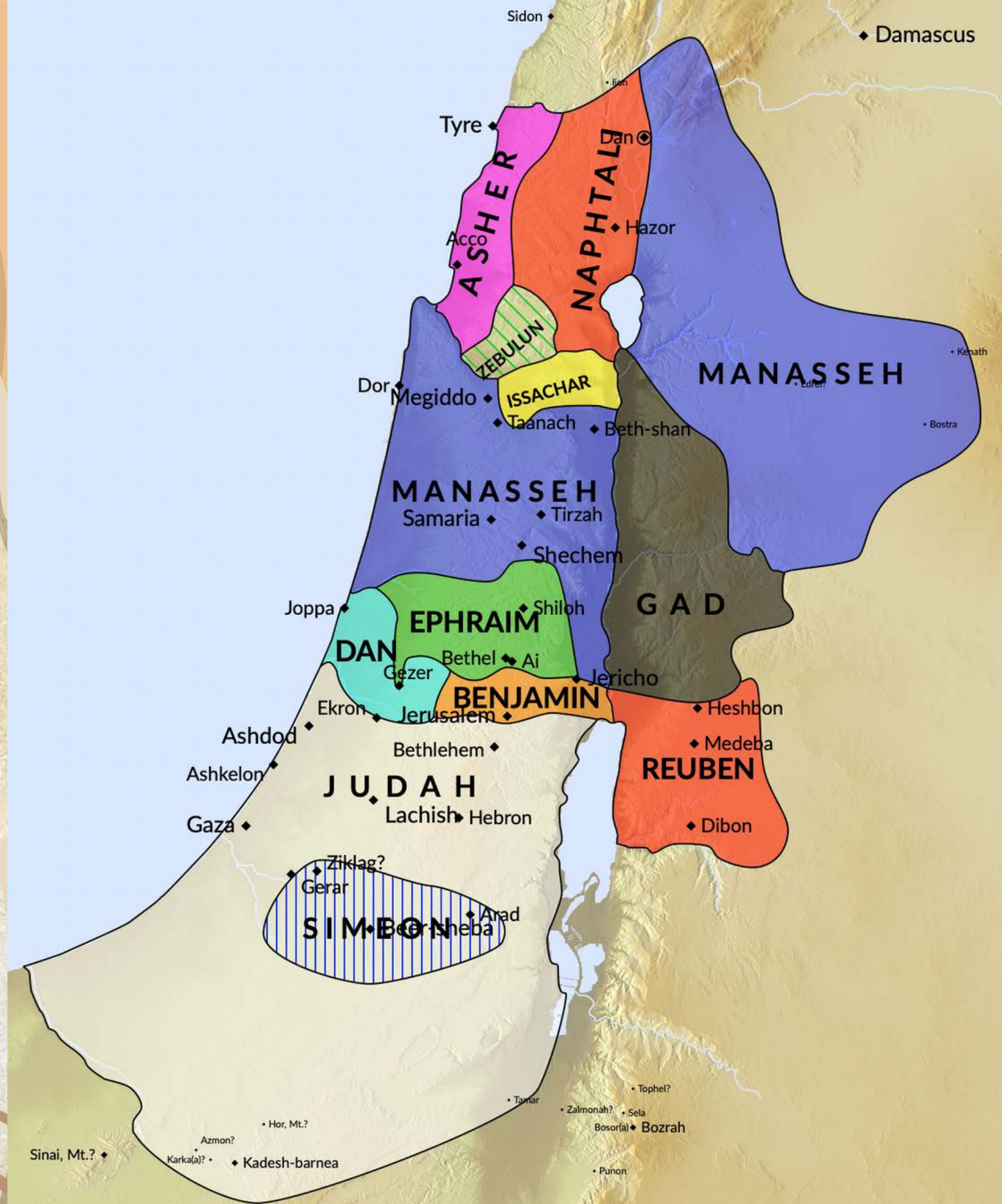
Genesis 46-50

Finishing Genesis

Journey Through Genesis

12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL





The Twelve Tribes



Beginning the Joseph Story



- Name means "take away" (my reproach) OR "to add" (a son)
- Hebrew names are play on words with lots of double meanings given in the narrative
- Joseph in the cumulation of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Issac and Jacob)..they led to him.
- His story is all about getting Israel into Egypt to connect to the Moses Story in Exodus.
- I love Joseph.

Continuing the Joseph Story



- Today's story is a good REVENGE PLOT!!!!
- Question: Good or Bad?
- We will see Judah's continued virtue
- We will see Joseph continue to "test" the brothers with a lot of double language of guilt
- In the end, it is about forgiveness

Beginning the Joseph Story

A Joseph and his brothers (37:1-36)

B Interlude (38:1-30)

C Joseph - hero of Egypt (40:1 - 41:57)

D Brothers trips to Egypt (42:1 - 43:34)

E Final test (44:1-34)

Focal Point - Joseph reveals himself to brothers

E' Conclusion of test (45:1-28)

D' Jacob and brothers to Egypt (46:1-47:12)

C' Joseph - hero of Egypt (47:13-27)

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A' Joseph and his brothers (49:29-50:26)

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Genesis 40: Prisoners' Dreams



Genesis 41: Pharaoh's Dreams



Genesis 41: Joseph's Rise to Power



- Joseph is named Zaphenath-paneah (*God lives and speaks*)
- He marries Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On/Heliopolis
- Two sons: Manasseh (For God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house) and Ephraim (For God has made me fruitful in the land of my misfortunes)
- The famine comes and Joseph reigns over the food stores

Genesis 42: Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt



- In the 2nd year of the famine, Jo's brothers go to Egypt for food
- They do not recognize Jo and he "accuses" them of being spies unless they bring the younger son (Benjamin) to Egypt and keep Simeon as collateral
- The brothers recognize this as their sin against Jo. He sends them away with grain in the food bags and the silver (shows guilt) which happens twice (two accounts)

Genesis 43: Jo's Bros Return to Egypt



- When they run out of food they return with Benjamin and presents plus extra silver
- Reuben offers his "two sons" as collateral where as Judah offers himself. This shows Judah's supremacy to rule
- Upon returning to Egypt Jo calls a feast and cries again...they eat at separate tables (Egyptians didn't eat lamb or with foreigners)
- They all feasted and drank

Genesis 44: Joseph Detains Benjamin



- Continuing Jo's "plot" to test his brothers, he has his own cup places in Benjamins bag of grain
- The brothers offer for the one with the cup to die and all the brothers be slaves; they agree for the one with the cup to be made a slave
- Jo continues to "toy" with them and only take Benjamin

Genesis 44: Judah Pleads For Benjamin



- Here we see Judah begging for the release of Benjamin. Yet again we see Judah's supremacy as a leader
- This is an important episode when it would seem Joseph should lead, instead it is Judah who will lead eventually
- There are play on words about "die" "man" and "lad"
- This "seals the deal" that they are remorseful for Jo

Genesis 45: Joseph Reveals Himself



- Jo can't hold it in anymore and reveals himself
- He gives a "theological" reason for all of this and forgives his brothers
- He instructs the brothers to settle in Goshen (the best land) and Pharaoh sends for all of Jo's family
- Jo gives Benjamin an extra portion of gifts
- They go and bring Jacob to Israel before he dies

Continuing the Joseph Story



- What do we learn from Joseph's story?
- Joseph trusted God's providence
- Joseph was honorable
- Joseph was wise
- "What you meant for evil; God meant for good!"
- God blessed all Joseph did
- Israel is in Egypt now

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Genesis 46: Israel's Family Moves to Egypt



- In Beersheba Israel makes sacrifices to God
- Israel has a vision from God in which he responds "Here I am"
- This really reminds me of Isaiah 6
- He bring all his family and possessions to Egypt
- There is a genealogy listed that is similar to one given in Numbers

JACOB'S (ISRAEL) DESCENDANTS

Genesis 46:1-27

Leah 33

Reuben
Hanoch, Pallu,
Hezron, Carmi

Simeon
Jemuel, Jamin,
Ohad, Jachin,
Zohar, Shaul

Levi
Gershon, Kohath,
Merari

Judah
Er, Onan, Shelah,
Perez (Hezron,
Hamul), Zerah

Issachar
Tola, Puvvah, Iob,
Shimron

Zebulun
Sered, Elon, Jahleel

Zilpah 16

Gad
Ziphion, Haggi,
Shuni, Ezbon, Eri,
Arodi, Areli

Asher
Imnah, Ishvah,
Ishvi, Beriah
(Heber, Malchiel),
Serah

Rachel 14

Joseph
Manasseh, Ephraim

Benjamin
Bela, Becher, Ashbel,
Gera, Naaman, Ehi,
Rosh, Muppim,
Huppim, Ard

Bilhah 7

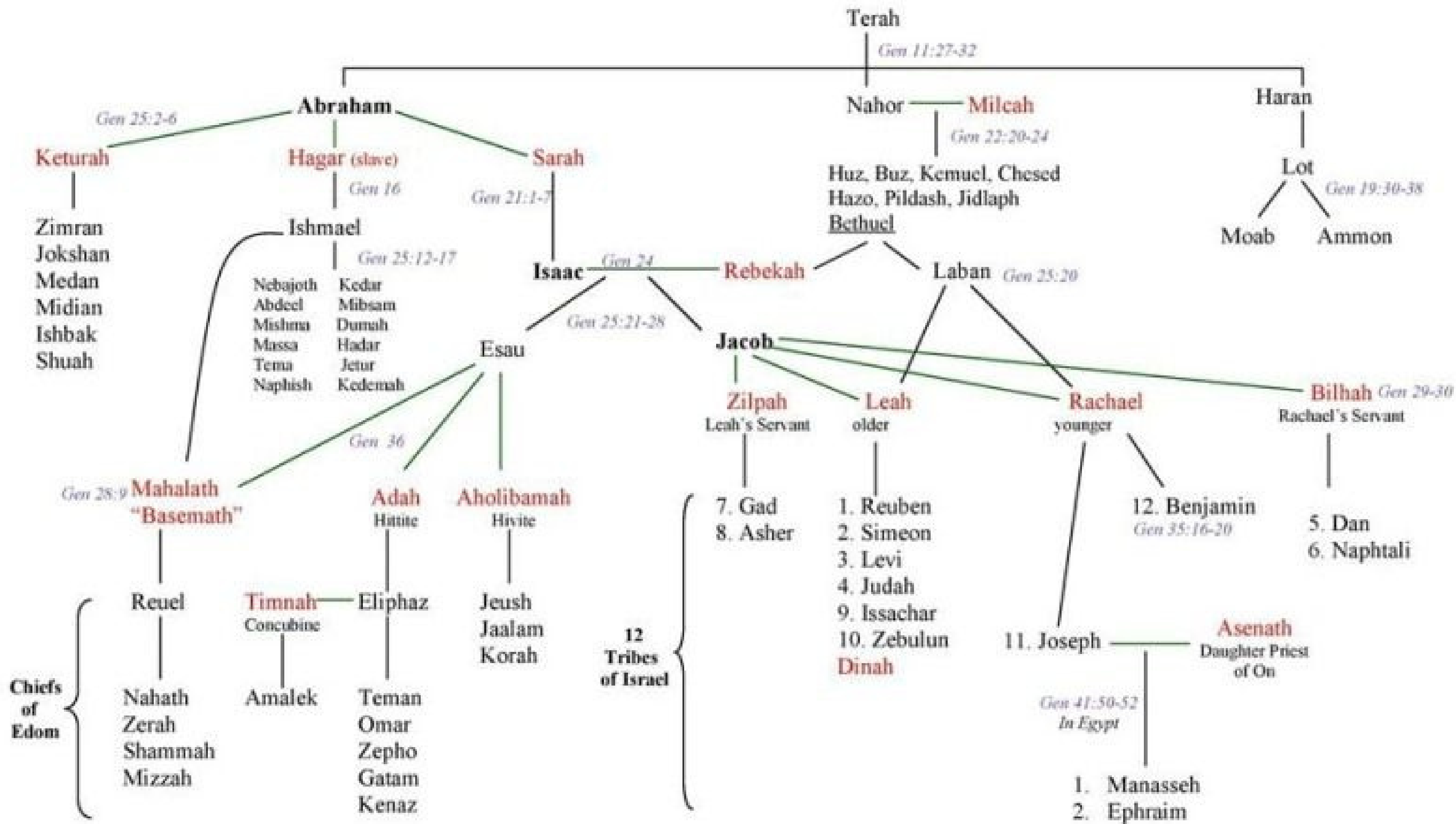
Dan
Hushim

Naphtali
Jahzeel, Guni,
Jezer, Shillem

70
↓
Egypt

• Genesis 46:26:
66 descendants
excludes Er, Onan,
Joseph, his two
sons, but includes
Dinah.

• Genesis 46:27:
70 includes Joseph,
his 2 sons and
Jacob himself
(66+4=70).



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- Israel Sends Judah ahead while Israel reunites with Joseph
- "Shepherds were abhorrent to Egyptians"
- Israel's family meet Pharaoh who is pleased with all of them and ask for one to be in charge of his flocks
- Israel blesses Pharaoh!!!
- Joseph cares for all of them

Goshen???

Land of Plenty or Comfort



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Genesis 47: Famine In Egypt



- At first people sold their live stock
- Then they sell their land
- (These are the means of production in the ancient world)
- Joseph makes it so that Pharaoh OWNS all of Israel...except temples
- The policy is that Pharaoh will get 1/5 of all the produce in perpetuity
- Essentially, all of Israel becomes a slave to Pharaoh
- This was essentially true of ancient Egypt until 600-300 BCE

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Genesis 48: Israel's Blesses Joseph's Sons



- Read story
- Joseph intentionally brings his sons
- Luz is Beth-El (Dream of Ladders)
- Israel calls them his own first and second born sons (big deal)
- He blesses Ephraim OVER Manasseh
- He mentions Rachel as he sees the kids as Rachels grandsons
- They are blessed and counted among the tribes of Israel

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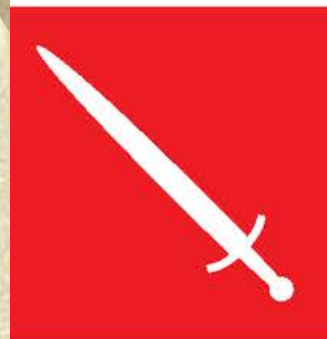
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Genesis 49: Israel's Sons Blessed

SONS OF JACOB GENESIS 49

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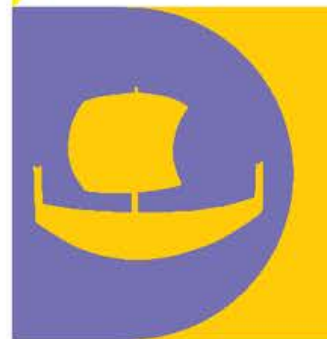
LEVI

"You are a lion's cub, Judah ... The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet" [9-10]



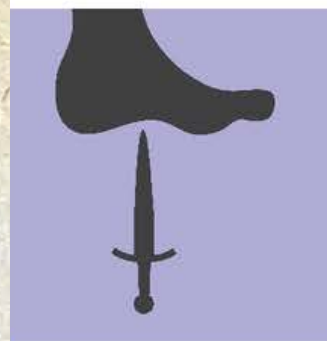
JUDAH

"Zebulun will live by the seashore and become a haven for ships." [13]



ZEBULUN

GAD



"Gad will be attacked by a band of raiders, but he will attack them at their heels." [19]

ASHER



"Asher's food will be rich; he will provide delicacies fit for a king." [20]

NAPHTALI



"Naphtali is a doe set free that bears beautiful fawns." [21]

JOSEPH



"Joseph is a fruitful vine ... archers attacked him ... But his bow remained steady." [22-24]

- Israel "blesses" ALL his sons
- This passage is understood to be a later addition to bring symmetry to his death and the deaths of the other patriarchs
- His blessings are interesting....
- Lets READ this passage together from Altar's translation

And Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather round, that I may tell you that shall befall you in the days to come. Assemble and hearken, O Jacob’s sons, and hearken to Israel your father. **Reuben**, my firstborn are you— my strength and first yield of my manhood, prevailing in rank and prevailing in might. Unsteady as water, you’ll no more prevail! for you mounted the place where your father lay, you profaned my couch, you mounted! **Simeon and Levi**, the brothers— weapons of outrage their trade. In their council let me never set foot, their assembly my presence shun. For in their fury they slaughtered men, at their pleasure they tore down ramparts. Cursed be their fury so fierce, and their wrath so remorseless! I will divide them in Jacob, disperse them in Israel.

Judah, you, shall your brothers acclaim— your hand on your enemies' nape- your fathers' sons shall bow to you. A lion's whelp is Judah, from the prey, O my son, you mount. He crouched, he lay down like a lion, like the king of beasts, and who dare arouse him? The scepter shall not pass from Judah, nor the mace from between his legs, that tribute to him may come and to him the submission of peoples. He binds to the vine his ass, to the grape-bough his ass's foal. He washes in wine his garment, in the blood of the grape his cloak. O eyes that are darker than wine and teeth that are whiter than milk! **Zebulun** near the shore of the sea shall dwell, he'll be near to the haven of ships, his flank upon Sidon. **Issachar**, a big-boned donkey, crouched amidst hearths. He saw that the homestead was goodly,

Dan, his folk will judge as one of Israel's tribes. Let Dan be a snake on the road, an asp on the path, that bites the horse's heels and its rider topples backward. Your deliverance I await, O LORD! **Gad** shall be goaded by raiders yet he shall goad their heel. **Asher's** bread shall be rich and he shall bring forth kingly dishes. Naphtali, a hind let loose who brings forth lovely fawns. **A fruitful son is Joseph**, a fruitful son by a spring, daughters strode by a rampart. They savaged him, shot arrows and harassed him, the archers did. But taut was his bow, his arms ever-moving, through the hands of the Champion of Jacob, through the name of the Shepherd, and Israel's Rock. From the God of your fathers, may He aid you, Shaddai, may He bless you— blessings of the heavens above, blessings of the deep that lies below, blessings of breasts and womb.

(Jospeh Continued.....)

Your father's blessings surpassed the blessings of timeless heights, the bounty of hills everlasting. May they rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the one set apart from his brothers. **Benjamin**, ravening wolf, in the morn he consumes the spoils, at evening shares out plunder.”

"Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, the first sign of my strength, ... turbulent as the waters" [3-4]



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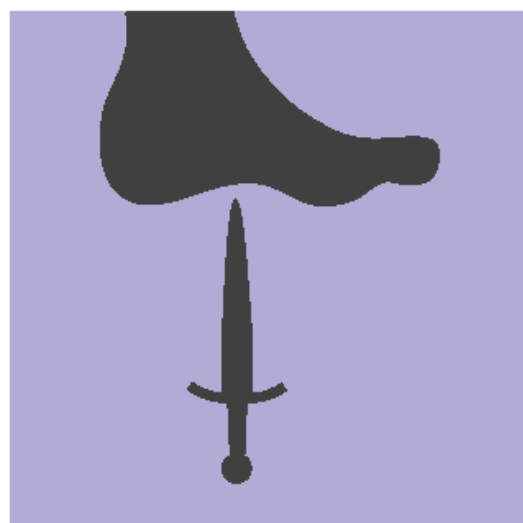
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Genesis 50: Israel's Death and Burial



- Israel dies and the brothers weep
- He was embalmed and the Egyptians mourned as if Pharaoh himself has died (70 days)
- They go bury him near Mamre in field at Machpelah the family tomb
- All of Canaan sees the funeral so they call it Abel-mizraim (Mourning/Water of Egypt)

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Genesis 50: Jospheh Final Days and Death



- "What you meant for evil; God meant for good!"
- The brothers think Jospheh will have vengeance after Israel died
- He doesn't and provides for them living to see his great grandchildren and adopt's his own grandchildren
- He dies wishing to be carried out of Israel when God's promise is fulfilled that they will return to Canaan